

U.S. sees START impediment

LONDON (R) — An expert said Monday that Washington and Moscow were unlikely to arrive at a strategic arms treaty this year if the Soviet Union insisted on including the issue of sea-launched missiles. Max Kampelman, who leads the U.S. team at arms control talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva, said he did not think the two sides would agree this year on how to verify reductions in sea-launched cruise missiles (SLCMs). He told a satellite television news conference from Washington that agreement on a strategic arms reduction treaty (START) this year was possible if the SLCMS verification issue could be treated separately. "If the Soviets continue and persist in the view that SLCMS should be resolved then we won't have a START treaty this year," Kampelman said. President Reagan, who must stand down after U.S. elections this year, and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had wanted to cap their Moscow summit last month by signing the START treaty, but were unable to finish work on the agreement. Kampelman said the U.S. side was surprised the Soviet Union changed its position last December to make agreement on sea-launched missile verification a condition for a START accord.

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France recalls aircraft carrier

Bahrain (AP) — France has quietly withdrawn an aircraft carrier from the Arabian Sea, in a move that French sources say was part of its agreement with Iran to restore diplomatic relations earlier this month. The 32,780-ton carrier Clemenceau was pulled out of the region and sent back to home port at Toulon in the past few weeks. It will not be replaced in the foreseeable future, according to the sources. The withdrawal of the Clemenceau leaves France with about 10 warships in the Gulf and nearby waters. These include four destroyers, three frigates and a pair of minesweepers. The French fleet, based at Djibouti, has the mission of defending French interests in the Indian Ocean and the adjoining waters and, for the past year, showing "resolve" against Iran, according to French officials. However, the French sources said Iranian officials pressed for the removal of the Clemenceau as part of the agreement under which the two countries restored diplomatic relations last week after an 11-month break. The May release of the last three French hostages held by pro-Iranian factions in Beirut and the repayment of a billion-dollar loan to France were also of the agreement to resume ties.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Murphy: U.S. wants peace conference

ABU DHABI (AP) — The United States hopes to convene an international peace conference "as soon as possible." U.S. envoy Richard Murphy said Monday on arriving for a one-day visit to the United Arab Emirates, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) said. Abu Dhabi is the third stop of an eight-state tour. Murphy has already held talks with officials in Saudi Arabia and North Yemen, discussing the Middle East peacekeeping process and ways to end the Gulf war.

Cyprus holds Turkish soldier

NICOSIA (R) — A Greek-Cypriot court ordered the detention Monday of a Turkish soldier arrested after he crossed from Turkish-Cypriot territory. A police prosecutor told the court Makarios Nadir Eceki, 20, was suspected of theft after being found Sunday in the Athenian area east of Nicosia with keys and other objects taken from two cars. Eceki, a member of the Turkish force which has occupied northern Cyprus since 1974, was arrested in a part of the U.N. buffer zone dividing the island whose limits are disputed by the Greek Cypriots.

18 Israelis injured in explosion

TEL AVIV (AP) — An explosion in a pizzeria injured 18 Israelis, one seriously, demolished two floors of a building and overturned cars in a seaside resort north of Tel Aviv, hospital officials and Israel army radio said. Initial information indicated the explosion in Herzliya Pituach, 10 kilometers from Tel Aviv, was caused by a gas leak, Tel Aviv police said.

Amnesty sees torture, murder in Sri Lanka

LONDON (R) — Amnesty International Tuesday alleged torture, political killings and continuing "disappearances" of prisoners in Sri Lanka and called on the government to end human rights abuses. The London-based human rights organization said dozens of prisoners were "disappearing" in the south of the island, amnestied prisoners had been tortured and Indian peace-keeping troops had committed reprisal killings, rape and other acts of brutality. Nearly 650 Tamils were still being held in detention without trial, despite an amnesty last July that provided for their release. Sri Lankan security forces were responsible for the "disappearance" of 685 Tamils between 1983 and July 1987, none of whom had been accounted for.

Turkey, Soviet Union to open crossing

ANKARA (R) — Turkey and the Soviet Union signed an agreement in Ankara Monday to reopen their only civilian road crossing after 51 years, Turkish officials said. The crossing at Sarp on the Black Sea will be the only land link between the Soviet Union and a member of the NATO Western alliance. Hundreds of families were split up when Moscow closed it before World War II. Officials said a bridge would be built on the Turkish side of the rugged frontier before the crossing could be opened. Work on the bridge has not yet started.

Namphy declares himself president

PONT-AU-PRINCE (AP) — Lieutenant-General Henry Namphy declared himself president of Haiti Monday, after troops stormed the national palace and deposed civilian President Leslie Manigat. "The future of democracy and liberty was at stake. The army must protect the superior interests of the country and must head the country," Namphy said in a speech broadcast late Monday morning on national television from the presidential palace. "To this end, a military government has been formed with, as president, Gen. Henri Namphy," he said (see page 8).

Bonn warns South Africa

BONN (R) — West Germany will consider sanctions against South Africa if it rejects clemency appeals for six blacks sentenced to hang for their alleged part in the murder of a black councillor, official sources said Monday. Government spokesman Herbert Schmuelling denied reports that the European Economic Community (EEC) countries had agreed to recall their ambassadors to Pretoria if the "Sharpeville six" were hanged. But official sources said Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher had directed that Bonn's Ambassador Immo Stabre be recalled for consultations should the death sentences be carried out.

Egypt's NDP appeals to opposition

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's ruling party urged opposition parties Monday to reverse a decision to boycott local council elections later this year. "I wish the opposition would review their decision," Yousef Wali, deputy prime minister and secretary-general of the National Democratic Party (NDP), said in an interview with the party's weekly newspaper Mayo. The five opposition parties decided Saturday to boycott next September's local elections in protest at a new law that requires parties to field a list of candidates in each constituency.

Palestinian fighting erupts again

BEIRUT (R) — Renewed battles between rival Palestinian factions erupted Monday at Beirut's battered Shatila refugee camp, police said. Fighters loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)-Chairman Yasser Arafat and rivals from a breakaway group led by Abu Musa fought with artillery, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades in the narrow alleys of the shantytown.

16 injured in Transcaucasian unrest

MOSCOW (R) — Fresh violence was reported in Transcaucasia Monday with officials saying 16 people were injured in weekend clashes between Azerbaijanis and Armenians. Dissidents in Moscow said there were 12 deaths. Yerevan Radio broadcast a statement by Armenian President Grant Voskanyan who said 16 people were hurt in the fighting in the region of Masis, a town 14 kilometers south of the Armenian capital and near the Turkish border. Voskanyan also appealed for calm in the Sunday radio broadcast, the British Broadcasting Corporation's monitoring service reported Monday.

New U.S.-Greek talks on bases

ATHENS (R) — The United States and Greece resumed talks on U.S. military bases Monday, less than two months before a deadline set by Athens for a new agreement. Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou met his foreign minister and the Greek negotiating team to give final instructions shortly before the week-long round of talks opened, a government spokesman said. Papandreou has repeatedly said that formal notification will be given on July 31 that the bases must be dismantled unless a new agreement is reached by then.

U.S. boosts Philippines army

MANILA (AP) — The United States delivered eight helicopters to the Philippine armed forces Monday as communist rebels renewed threats that American servicemen, civilians and installations in the country were targets of attacks. The refurbished Vietnam-war vintage UH-1 helicopters would be used to reinforce the military's counterinsurgency effort against the 25,000-strong New People's Army, the Communist Party's armed wing.



U.S.-JORDAN COOPERATION: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday confers with a delegation representing the U.S. Council for Arab-American Affairs on the role of the council and means to activate U.S.-Jordanian

cooperation in fields of economy, culture and tourism. The delegation includes former American Treasury Secretary David Kennedy and renowned heart surgeon Russell Nelson (see page 3)

Economic summit hails thaw in East-West ties

TORONTO (Agencies) — The economic summit partners Monday hailed recent improvements in Western relations with the Soviet Union and urged Washington and Moscow to work for sweeping strategic arms cuts.

"Since our last meeting, progress has been made between the United States and the Soviet Union in agreeing to reduce nuclear weapons in a manner which accords fully with the security interests of each of our countries," the summit leaders said in a joint political statement issued on the second day of a three-day

major source of instability in Asia."

In a statement read by Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, the leaders took "positive note" of East European countries' growing interest in ending their economic isolation, but said commerce with those countries should be on a commercial basis under the rules of international trade.

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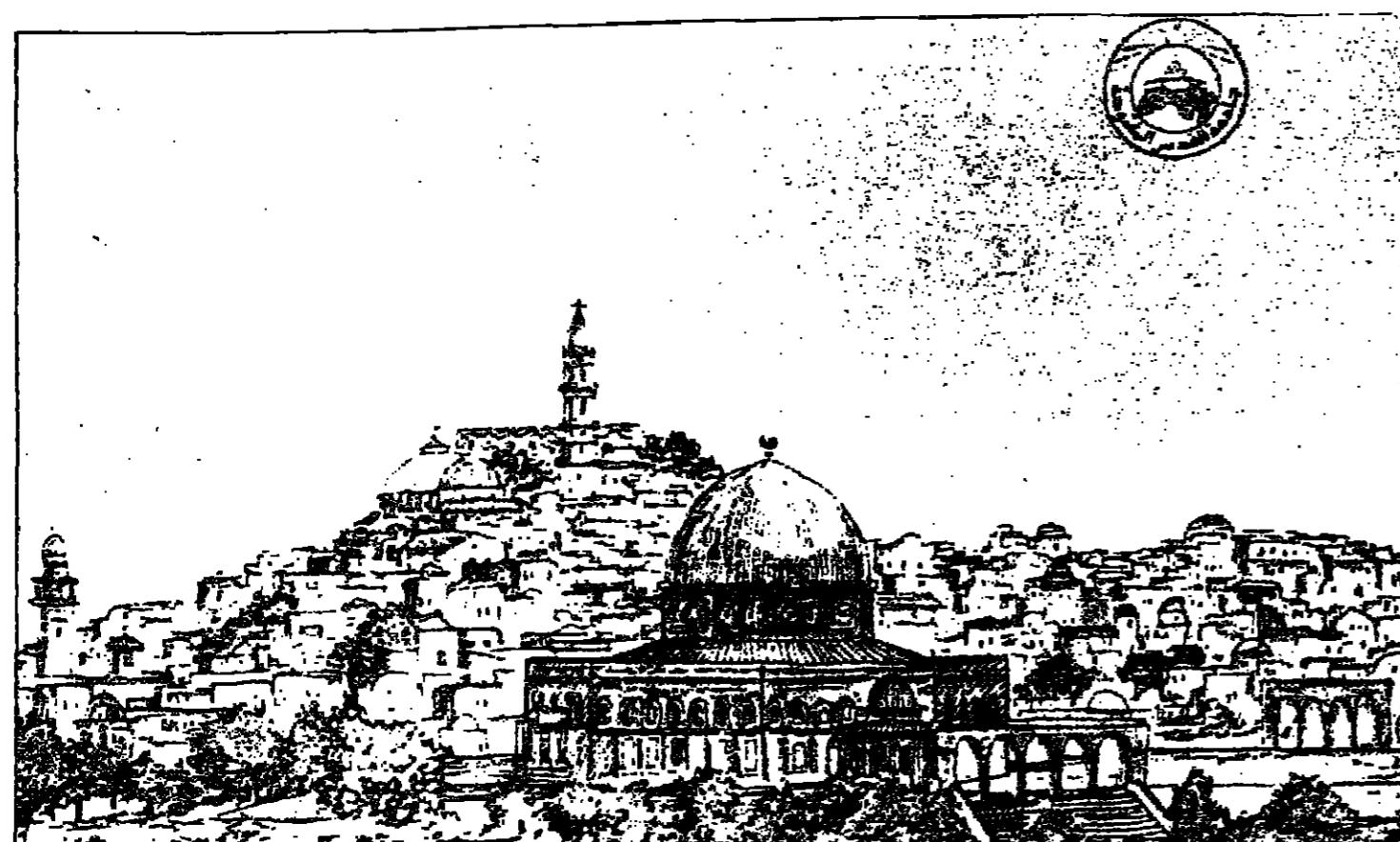
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QOU — the mode of the future

By Mariam Shahin
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "AL QUDS Open University (QOU) has made substantial progress in its development as the first distance teaching university in the Arab World," said David Sloper, the Australian distance education expert, who recently visited QOU. Although the first open university scheduled to open in the Arab World has been struggling against a variety of major obstacles, including funding and recognition, it has not allowed anything to hinder its progress in the production of the necessary educational material, noted Geoff Arger, another Australian distance education expert visiting QOU this month.

Funding

Although the university has faced funding delays and even a shortage of funds in addition to insecurity where official recognition is concerned, it has not been hindered from producing educational material to serve students both in the occupied Arab territories and Jordan.

Arger and Sloper, both from the University of New England in Australia, spent three weeks (May 21-June 9) at QOU, giving lectures, and organising workshops and mini-seminars on techniques in distance education. Sloper, a senior lecturer and distance education expert, held several workshops on distance education techniques, during his previous visit to QOU in October 1987.

The Australian expert's visit was sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organisation

(FAO), which according to QOU President Dr. Walid Kamhawi, "made a significant contribution in sponsoring the teaching material development workshop."

In his capacity as course development advisor at the University of New England in Australia, Arger has been involved in the operational beginnings of several open learning universities and institutions, in particular those in developing countries.

Most recently he was involved in establishing the Open University in Papua New Guinea.

"Since there is absolutely no tradition in distance education in this part of the world, QOU's job is twice as difficult as that of any other open university trying to establish itself. There is this sense of isolation. The Arab region is the only area in the world where distance education is not in use. This is surprising because it is the recognised educational mode of the future," Arger said.

West Bank

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the difference between distance education and correspondence study. A good example of a recently established distance education institution, which uses radio satellites almost exclusively in its education mode, is Papua New Guinea," said Arger.

During the Australian experts three-week stay, QOU's staff received training in such fields as writing video scripts and drafting audio-video broadcast scripts. QOU's staff was joined by participants from Jordanian universities and universities in the occupied territories.

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recommended formal teaching the previous week.

Meetings were held with the staff of other universities elsewhere but visits were made to campus sites (which were patrolled by mobile military units). The universities visited included those in Hebron, Nablus and Birzeit.

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"I will recommend that a major conference on distance education as a complementary mode to conventional on-campus studies be arranged by QOU this year, if possible in the occupied territories. The intifada has heightened the awareness of the potentials of distance education among higher education personnel in the occupied territories," Sloper said.

During their visit the Australian experts outlined to West Bank and Gaza educationalists the history and development of distance education in practice, and the growth internationally of this mode of study in countries that are socially and politically diverse.

They emphasised long term policies of QOU that would lead to its development as a pan-Arab institution complimenting existing opportunities for higher education.

Sloper recalled that, "long discussions were held on the possibilities of applying the distance education mode wherever possible, since the difficulties that the West Bank universities face are tremendous. Although many on-campus courses do not have QOU equivalents, in the event of more extended closures of the universities, they could draw on QOU expertise, experience and resources to jointly develop a range of courses additional to QOU programmes. QOU courses could be offered to on-campus students in the occupied territories during closures," Sloper said.

Course material would be transferred to the occupied territories on floppy discs to a production centre where materials will be printed and dispatched to regional centres, study centres and students.

Recognition

The legal and financial obstacles that the university is facing are very unfortunate according to Arger: "Now more than ever before there is a necessity for an open university in the Arab World. QOU is internationally respected and enjoys world-wide recognition. The fact that the president of the international council of distance education is coming to QOU this month indicates its importance to all those involved in distance education internationally."

Sloper points out the fact since "QOU has established expertise and resources for the development of distance education in the Arab and in the Palestinian context, there should be no problem regarding legalities in any Arab country."

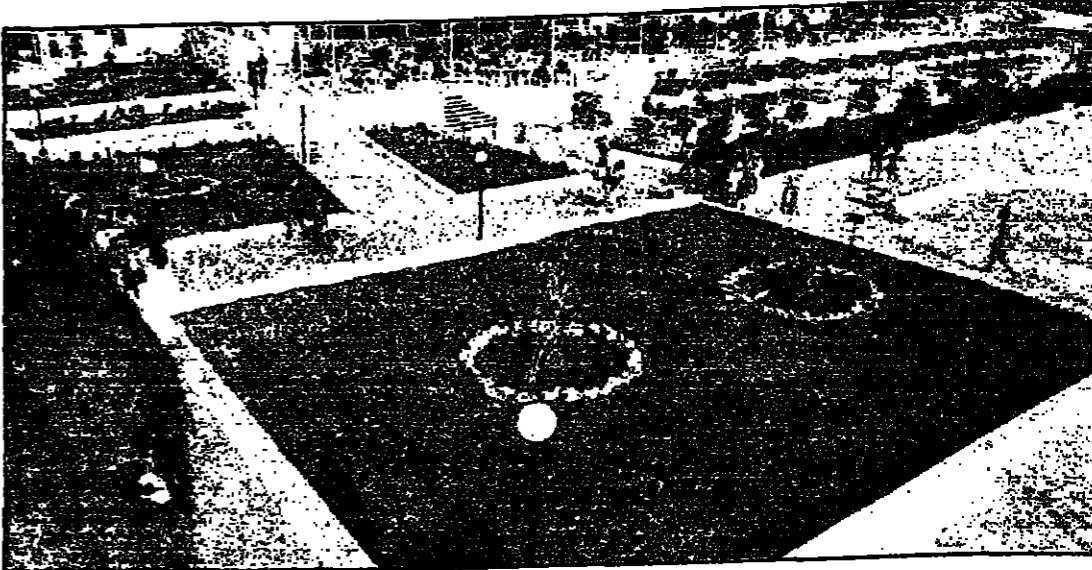
The mode of distance education has not "gone backwards" anywhere in the world says Arger, "it is the mode of the future, it has aided conventional universities with its modes of teaching, specifically through its audio-visual teaching techniques." He points out that "it would be a shame if the opening of QOU would be extended beyond the beginning of 1989. The longer the opening of QOU is delayed the more the whole Arab education system stands to fail behind the international modes of education.

If the responsible authorities are not concerned with these aspects, then that of course is their privilege."

Since his last visit in October, Sloper has visited distance education institutions in India, the USA, Norway, Vietnam and China.

Compared with the institutions he visited QOU has established a firm base to begin operations in the very near future.

Sloper hopes that, "the commitment and high professionalism of the QOU staff will be matched equally by support from governments and donors in the region as international agencies such as Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) are continually extending their active support for this vital innovation in Arab higher education."



The Dead Sea rest house is the only fully-equipped park on the shores of the sea (file photo)

Government launches anti-pests campaign in Jordan Valley

In March, the Queen received reports on the committee's work which included recommendations on measures to be taken to make the Jordan Valley a healthier place for both the local population and tourists.

The Balqa governor told Petra that a special committee has been at work for developing services at the Baqaa refugee camp, and said that sufficient allocations have been made to asphalt roads and organise the exploitation of water resources in the Baqaa Water Basin which groups Abu Nuseir, Ajn Al Basha, and the refugee camp itself as well as the neighbouring villages of Um Dananir, Safout, Mweis, Rumman and Salhoub.

Khreisha said that plans have been made for setting up a zone for handicrafts, shopping areas and a slaughter house in the area.

SALT (Petra, J.T.) — The government is concerned over health and public safety in the Jordan Valley region, and the cabinet has allocated JD 150,000 to carry out spraying campaigns against pests and insects in that area, Balqa Governor Mijhem Al Khreisha said Monday.

Khreisha told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that concerned authorities have endorsed a number of measures designed to protect public health and maintain cleanliness in the Jordan Valley.

They have introduced regulations forcing farmers to build sanitary units for their workers and take measures to treat natural manure.

He said that the concerned authorities have taken steps also to set up public parks with full services for the benefit of vacationers in the region.

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Work on Mafraq hospital annex begins

MAFRAO (Petra) — The foundation stone was laid here Monday for building an annex to the government hospital in Mafraq to expand the hospital's services to the local population.

The projected hospital annex, expected to cost JD 319,000 is to have 138 beds, according to health officials here.

The foundation stone was laid by Health Minister Zaid Hamzah who announced that his ministry will set up 93 health centres in various governorates in accordance with a set plan worked out by technicians.

He said tenders for building nine of these centres, to be located in Mafraq region to offer primary health care, have already been floated and will be built during 1988.

The minister, who was speaking at a meeting with the government hospital staff of doctors and nurses, said that all hospitals in the Kingdom have been supplied with up to date equipment that

can serve up to the year 2,000. The health centres are helping the government to offer 75 per cent of the total volume of health services to the public, and are complementing the work of hospitals, the minister noted.

Hamzah also reviewed with the

Dr. Julio Scarella M.D. Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Dr. Michel Ayoub will be performing penile implant for impotent men with Dr. Scarella, surgical pioneer in Washington. Also urine incontinent patients will be operated on. Operations will be held on June 23-26.

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Bulgaria voices support for Arab causes

SOFIA (Petra) — Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov has paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's wise leadership and praised Jordan's achievements under his reign.

Speaking at a ceremony here to receive the credentials of Jordan's non-resident Ambassador to Bulgaria Yassin Istambouli, Zhivkov reaffirmed his country's support for the Arab causes including the Palestine question and its backing for all initiatives being made for the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East through an international conference.

Zhivkov also voiced his country's support for efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war on the basis of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598.

Syria extradites suspect

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Syria has extradited to Jordan university student Faisal Saleh Al Ziyat who earlier this month was suspected of killing his stepmother and her three children before returning to Aleppo where he is continuing his studies.

The Jordan Times had earlier reported the murder, committed on June 8, 1988, during Faisal's visit to his home town in Ramtha.

The 24-year-old Faisal who arrived from Syria earlier, had visited his sister Hanan who lives in Irbid and brought her to Ramtha to help him carry out the crime because, it said, it was motivated by his father's decision to register the house and the land in his new wife's name.

Hanan witnessed the killing. Faisal then tied up his sister and asked her not to report the killing until he had left the country a few hours later.

Soon after the sister had reported the crime the Jordanian authorities contacted the Syrian Police Department to request the extradition of Faisal which finally took place with the help of a Jordanian police officer who arrived in Damascus to accompany the suspected murderer home to face trial.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CONDOLENCES: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday visited Al Dumanah bedouin tribe in Al Jazirah area where he offered his condolences on the death of Army Major Malah Al Dumanah.

MILITARY EXHIBITION: On the anniversary of the Great Arab Revolt and Army Day the 12th Royal Mechanised Division Sunday held a military exhibition, which was attended by a large number of military personnel and civilians. The division also held a variety show in cooperation with the Jordan University of Science and Technology and Yarmouk University.

RIFAI MEETS JAPANESE ENVOY: Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Monday received Japanese Ambassador in Amman Makoto Watanabe and reviewed bilateral relations.

SUMMER CAMP: Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat Monday opened a summer camp here as part of the country's celebrations of the anniversary of Great Arab Revolt. A total of 125 youths from various youth centres in the Kingdom and a number of participants from Egypt and Bahrain are taking part in the week-long activities which include visits to archaeological sites, seminars and lectures.

SAFADI IN TUNIS: Ali Safadi, Director General of the Jordan News Agency, Petra, called in Tunis Monday on Tunisian Minister of Information Abdul Wahab Abdullah to discuss bilateral cooperation in information fields.

朋友们对 THE BLIND: The Jordanian Friends of the Blind Society has decided to open a branch in Irbid to offer blind people in the northern regions better educational possibilities. A society official urged parents of the blind children to register their names with the branch as soon as possible to help them benefit from the new opportunities.

AFRA SPA RECEIVES VISITORS: The Afra Mineral Spa near Tafileh has opened its doors to visitors and vacationers after completing maintenance work at the swimming pools and restoration work at the facilities. Tafileh governor who made the announcement appealed to vacationers to refrain from dumping trash in and around the spa area.

EDUCATION TALKS: The 20th session of the Palestine Education Council, organised by the Arab League in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, will be held Wednesday in Amman. Representatives from Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, and the Arab League General Secretariat will participate in the eight-day session.



ALGERIAN DELEGATION: Public Security Department (PSD) Director General Abdellatif Haddad met in his office Monday with a delegation from the Algerian Police Department led by Brigadier Rashed Khalidi. They reviewed Jordanian-Algerian cooperation in the field of security and later the delegation toured the Muajjideen Security Centre and met with senior police officers, who briefed them on various duties. The delegation also visited the Badia Police Headquarters and heard a briefing on the Badia Police operations.

Awqaf team leaves for S. Arabia

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A delegation from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs has left for Saudi Arabia to hold talks on matters related to this year's pilgrimage season, and the accommodation of Jordanian pilgrims.

The delegation is led by the Ministry's Secretary General

Abdul Salam Al Abbadi, who will later attend meetings organised by the Islamic Bank to discuss development in the Islamic World.

The Ministry of Awqaf earlier announced that 11,500 people have already registered to perform the pilgrimage to Mecca this year.

The ministry, which takes charge of all matters related to transportation and housing of pilgrims, is sending a delegation to care for the pilgrims on their way to the holy places and back to Jordan.

Meeting, spoke at the opening session, outlining the importance of chemistry in all fields of life.

The speakers paid tribute to the chemical industries in Jordan which play a major role in the national economy.

The three-day meeting will review 95 working papers dealing with chemistry, petrochemicals, teaching of chemistry and chemical industries and fertilisers.

Seventeen of these papers are presented by Jordanian researchers.

A total of 125 delegates representing 40 organisations in Arab countries are taking part in the meeting.

Committee discusses new tourism law

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One-choice democracy

CHALK this one up for the democratic soul of Israel: the Israeli cabinet voted earlier this week to compel Soviet Jews who leave the Soviet Union with Israeli visas to fly directly to Israel, rather than to pass through transit centres in Vienna. The problem the Israelis wish to counter is that most Soviet Jews who leave with Israeli visas do not go to Israel, but rather head for other destinations in Europe or North America. Last year, the dropout rate of Soviet Jews who opted to go to destinations other than Israel was 75 per cent; this year, it is up to 90 per cent.

The proposed Israeli solution to the dilemma seems rather unusual, particularly for a country that never loses an opportunity to sell itself as a democracy based on principles of human rights. If the overwhelming majority of Soviet Jews who leave the Soviet Union with Israeli visas do not, in the end, travel to Israel, but opt instead for the West, isn't it their right to do so? Why does Israel compel Soviet Jews to come to Israel, if they wish to settle elsewhere?

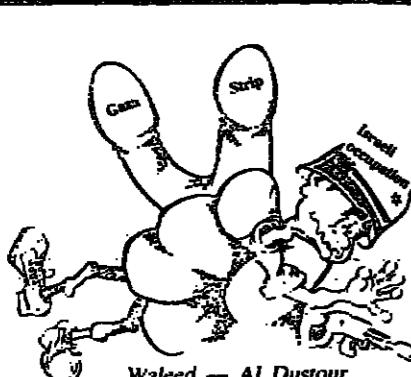
We suspect the Israeli move belies a deep concern for the whole Zionist experiment — and this is what Israel is, an experiment in formal, modern nationhood — given the high emigration rate from Israel and the very low rate of immigration to Israel by Jews from other countries. To have to go to the extreme of compelling Soviet Jews to travel directly to Israel suggests a certain anxiety among Israelis, if not frenzy. Is Israel a haven for world Jews — as Zionist ideology would have it — or is it a nationalistic compulsion which Soviet Jews must embrace whether they like it or not?

We thought the democracies offered people a choice, and alternatives. Or is Israeli democracy something slightly different? It is instructive to see how Israelis react to signs that the Zionist dream may not be all that it is made out to be.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Until justice is done

THE revolt in the occupied Arab territories and the heroic resistance of the Arab population have proved that a just struggle is bound to lead to freedom and that justice is the only means for achieving a durable and genuine peace. Peace in the Arab Nation's view cannot be achieved unless it is backed by the international community and unless values and principles in which this community believes are respected by the Israelis. The Palestinians are involved in a just struggle for freedom and for peace and for an end to occupation which has brought about oppression for 21 years. If the Israelis do not accept the facts and refuse to recognise the rights of the Palestinians in their homeland, then there can be no alternative to the continuation of the uprising which could be developed into more elaborate forms in the coming months. The uprising has been able to defeat all Israeli beliefs in Zionism's ability to occupy Arab land and evict its lawful owners. This uprising has been able to deal a devastating blow to the Zionists' dreams in our land through Arab steadfastness and through continued protests and confrontation with Israeli troops. The outside world has already expressed admiration for the Palestinian people's heroic struggle because it has witnessed Israel's atrocities over the past 21 years, and saw the injustice done to the oppressed people of Palestine. The outside world and all peace-loving nations have deplored Israel's racist policies and condemned terrorist actions against the Palestinian population. Unless Israel stops its criminal actions, it is bound to face unlimited acts of protests and resistance until justice is done.



Al Dustour: Uprising is winning battle

THE uprising in the occupied Arab territories is seven months old and gaining momentum every day, but Israeli leaders are still dreaming of its speedy end, and a return to "normal" life. Israeli leaders are betting on such dreams while the Palestinians continue their struggle for freedom and an end to oppression. As the steadfastness of the Arab population is strengthened and as more youths take to the street to express Arab rejection of occupation, Israeli troops are showing more and more signs of exhaustion. The Arabs have proved that they will pursue their struggle to the end, and they feel that right is on their side unlike the Israelis who are fighting a losing battle marked by cruelty and oppression and terrorism exercised every day against the Arab citizens. The uprising and the exhaustion of the Israeli armed forces have caused splits within the Israeli society and leadership. The continued confrontation with the protesters is costing Israel dearly, and is showing the world that occupation of other peoples' territory by force cannot be allowed to last for ever.

Sawt Al Shaab: Freedom fighters win

ISRAEL which is waging a ferocious war on the Palestinian people now fighting for their freedom, will sooner or later realise that violence can only breed violence and strong reaction from the oppressed people. The Israelis will eventually realise that terrorism is not the way for peace, and that regardless of the obstacles they place in the path of freedom and justice, they will succumb to the power and the will of the freedom fighters. The past seven months of uprising should have made the Israeli leaders understand these facts and should have paved the way for an end to their occupation of Palestine. But the Israelis are pursuing a terrorist policy which could draw a more violent reaction from the oppressed people at all levels. The more Israel commits crimes against the Arabs, and the more Arabs it kills or injures, the more hatred it must expect from the Arab population. The inhuman practices against the Arabs have drawn stronger reactions not only from different countries of the world but also from various political groups within the Israeli society itself. In the meantime, the Palestinian uprising will continue and will escalate until Arab rights are restored.

Central American drug, arms: The Israeli connection

By Jane Hunter

AS LONG ago as April 1987, Israel was getting urgent warnings from its friends in the U.S. Congress: get Mike Harari out of Panama. Now it is clear why.

On April 4, Jose Blandon, a former aide to General Manuel Antonio Noriega, Panama's head of state in all but name, told a Senate subcommittee that between 1982 and 1986 Mike Harari had run a network of Israelis, Panamanians and U.S. citizens that ferried weapons to the contras. When the Harari network was not transporting arms to the mercenaries assembled to overthrow the government of Nicaragua, Eisenberg, according to one source, is said to have worked with the Harari network between 1983 and 1986.

In early 1987 Harari was appointed Panama's honorary consul in Israel, succeeding Shaul Eisenberg, a renowned arms dealer, connected with the Israel company, a subsidiary of the Clal conglomerate, with offices in Panama, Colombia and Argentina. Eisenberg, according to one source, is said to have worked with the Harari network between 1983 and 1986.

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So influential is Harari that Eduardo Herrera, Panama's recently dismissed ambassador to Israel, blames him for his firing and his cashiering from the Panamanian military in April. Herrera had been the Reagan administration's top choice to succeed Noriega as head of Panama's armed forces. He said his friends had warned him not to criticise Mike Harari.

In the way of Israeli cutouts, Harari is said to have lined his own pockets. He is known to own an agricultural operation in partnership with Ya'acov Bondi, head of the Israel Communications Company, and is said to be partners with Noriega in other enterprises. Former ambassador Herrera said Harari demanded such huge commissions from private Israeli businessmen that some decided not to do business there:

Everything was for sale in asymmetrical.

calling him "my mentor." Harari trained Noriega's bodyguard and gave the Panamanians military lessons in interrogation and "security techniques." In his spare time he presided over Israel's trade through the duty free zone he called "the perfect funnel for channelling Israeli trade with South and Central America."

In early 1987 Harari was appointed Panama's honorary consul in Israel, succeeding Shaul Eisenberg, a renowned arms dealer, connected with the Israel company, a subsidiary of the Clal conglomerate, with offices in Panama, Colombia and Argentina. Eisenberg, according to one source, is said to have worked with the Harari network between 1983 and 1986.

Panama — protection, intelligence, shell companies, banking services — and Noriega was the premier salesman. His downfall came when, in addition to banking his CIA retainer of \$200,000 a year and doing business on the side with Fidel Castro and the Salvadorean insurgents, he failed to deliver support for the contras at a level that satisfied the Reagan administration. The administration first leaked details of Noriega's links to U.S. opponents and to drug traffickers, then began trying to oust him.

Apparently the Israelis had no complaints. They too had bad access to the Panamanian emporium — in 1986 *Newsweek* reported that high-ranking Mossad agents had spent millions of dollars on U.S. intelligence intercepted by Panama. There are also allegations of Panamanian help in smuggling U.S. technology to Israel. Even after Noriega was indicted by a Miami grand jury for drug trafficking and the Democrats in Congress joined the administration in full hue and cry for Noriega's resignation, Israel resisted Washington's pleas to call Harari home. Its obduracy might have resulted in a request Foreign Minister Peres said he received to convince Noriega to abdicate. Peres said he declined to do so.

Sometime in the second half of March, Harari seemed to vanish — at least his presence in Panama could not be verified. Perhaps, as he had often done with Noriega, he accompanied Mrs. Noriega to Israel, where she was reportedly checking out schools for a daughter. (Torrijos' children, Noriega's children, and the children of all of Panama's top officials attended the Alberto Einstein Jewish Day School, Dr. Heszel Klepfisc, formerly Panama's chief rabbi, now retired in Israel, recalled with pride.) But Harari was never sighted in Israel either, where the foreign ministry denied that the embattled Noriega was seeking asylum.

In the meantime, on its evening news programme the ABC television network had filled in some of the blanks. The Harari group had bought arms from Poland and Czechoslovakia and shipped them via Yugoslavia and Bolivia to Panama, then on to El Salvador and to contra resupply points in Costa Rica. ABC interviewed a U.S. pilot who said he had

ferried the arms, then loaded up drugs in Colombia and flown them, via Panama, to the U.S. He said he regarded Israel as "my primary employer." The Harari network's start-up capital of \$20 million came from Israel, reported ABC, and Israel was later repaid from U.S. covert operations funds. According to one source, the money was used to bribe officials in El Salvador.

These revelations have provided the outlines of a picture of Israeli involvement in Central America far more massive than investigators have previously been able to document. As the Harari ring's activities were very clearly a major element in Israel's collaboration with the Reagan administration to circumvent congressional restrictions on aiding the contras, they must be considered a hitherto uninvestigated aspect of the Iran-contra affair.

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In this regard the identification by ABC News of Felix Rodriguez as the Harari network's main U.S. contact is especially significant: Rodriguez, a former CIA agent, ran the secret contra resupply effort at Flopango air base in El Salvador. Through his former CIA colleague, Donald Gregg, with whom he worked closely on the airlift of arms to the contras, Rodriguez is linked to Vice President George Bush, whom Gregg has served for seven years as national security advisor — indeed, Rodriguez is the major skeleton in Bush's closet, as he pursues the presidency. This writer has learned that in 1981 Donald Gregg was the Reagan administration's prime channel to Israel on matters regarding the contras. If Gregg was involved in funding or even coordinating the Harari operation at a time when it was running drugs, then Bush has very good cause to be ner-

vous.

While the CIA has reportedly dealt with drug dealers — and, on occasion, directly in drugs — to further its covert activities, Israel has never before been implicated in such activity. It might be that some in the U.S. who were not disturbed by Israel's support for the contras and the brutal right-wing regimes in Central America will be very disturbed by the thought that an Israeli operative carrying out those activities was also contributing to drug abuse in the U.S., which is currently this country's number one social concern.

Only days before Jose Blandon blurted out Harari's secrets, a New Jersey grand jury indicted 16 people, 10 of them Israelis, on charges of laundering \$25 million. Except for three trips (to Israel, Britain and West Germany) carrying several hundred thousand dollars worth of cash each time, the laundering ring had mainly concentrated on shipping parcels of cashier's checks and personal checks by courier to Panamanian banks, according to the indictment.

Among those arrested in New Jersey, California and Washington State were the U.S. ring-leader Adi Tal, who is a former employee of El Al airlines, and a rabbi who directed the Seattle Chabad House, an Orthodox establishment. The ultimate leader of the group is in Colombia and three other named defendants are in Israel, beyond the reach of U.S. law. Authorities in New Jersey, where the case will be tried in September, said that some of the cash they seized from the defendants had drawn a positive response from drug-sniffing dogs.

Obviously displeased to be asked whether the money laundering case was connected to Mike Harari's operations in Panama, an aide to Sen. Kerry would only say the committee was "aware" of the case — Middle East International, London.

W. German Jewish leader embezzled DM 33m

By Gerda-Marie Schomfeld

HEINZ Galinski, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Berlin, had been sitting on a time bomb.

Then it went off. A reporter called on him and asked if it were true that his predecessor, Werner Nachmann, had embezzled 33 million marks.

Herr Galinski asked the reporter to excuse him for a moment. He went into the next room and made a telephone call. In a nervous voice he was overheard to say: "There is a journalist here from the *Deutsche Allgemeine Sonntagsblatt*. She knows everything."

He returned, offered the reporter some coffee and said: "There were some irregularities involving considerable sums of money after Herr Nachmann's death. We shall clarify it."

"The Council has commissioned chartered accountants to explain what happened for seven years. And it has put in a court claim for DM30m from Nachmann's estate in a bankruptcy petition is opened (it is assumed Nachmann's widow will not come into his estate). Heinz Galinski said: "I am not going to lay myself open to accusations of having neglected anything or of not having explored every avenue. We must save what can be saved."

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"I have inherited a situation that I would not wish on my worst enemy."

Galinski, a man of strict integrity, must have been shocked. The "irregularities" he spoke about involve about DM33m, was indeed Schmidel. He said: "Accountants are as silent as the grave."

Herr Galinski, who recently had a heart attack while on holiday in Israel, has had nothing but sleepless nights since he succeeded Nachmann a few weeks ago.

He took a tablet and a drink of water, saying: "I just can't understand it! I think that my wife is the only person who feels sorry for me."

It can be assumed that he would not have taken over the chairmanship of the Council if he had foreseen the trouble. But he was a kind of idol for us," said Galinski.

Nachmann was born in Karlsruhe in 1925. For 25 years he was the most important spokesman for Jewish interests in the Federal Republic.

In 1938 his family fled from the Nazis to France. There young Nachmann joined the French Resistance and returned to Germany as a French officer.

He said: "I had imagined that the courtesy call I would make on the chancellor when taking over the chairmanship would have been otherwise."

He regarded it as his duty, however, to tell senior members of the government and the opposition about what had happened.

How was it possible that such large sums could disappear over so many years?

Galinski doesn't know. "I ask myself that 30 times a day. We do not yet know just how much money was involved. We are checking this."

Further Nachmann used transfer forms from his private firm for private cash transfers, but inserted the Central Council's account number by hand into these forms.

For years Nachmann processed his private and business transactions through the Central Council's account.

He did all this in such a trans-

This sum was not paid over in total, but in instalments, at the request of the New York-based Claims Conference.

Nachmann was responsible for distributing this money. The guidelines for settlement in cases of hardships stipulated assistance of up to DM5,000 per person. Almost DM290m of the total DM400m hardship settlement was paid out to authorised people within Federal Republic and abroad — at the rate of about DM5,000 per person.

Galinski now sees himself faced with the considerable difficulty of explaining to the Jewish public, that means mainly elderly men and women, that no more than DM5,000 was available for justified cases of hardship within the Jewish Community, but the deceased Nachmann could put aside millions for himself and his companies.

He said: "This is one of the most serious situations the Jewish Community has had to face since 1945. This is mainly a situation concerning moral standards. That is particularly painful."

He continued: "Nothing has hit us quite so badly as this news. I can also speak for my colleagues. It is so bad one can hardly believe it."

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Some concerned Israeli officials are already warning of a coordinated effort by Washington and Moscow to impose a deal. They suspect that the superpowers, at the recent Moscow summit, secretly reached some "understandings" on how best to advance the stalled peace process.

Without going into too much detail, these Israeli officials said they have good reason to believe that the U.S. has not fully reported to Israel on all the discussions in Moscow. They are continuing to press the PLO to unanimously accept U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for future negotiations — something the PLO does not want to do. PLO officials, for their part, deeply resent the Soviet effort to turn them around on this sensitive point.

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between Washington and Moscow.

Thus, Shultz and other U.S. officials can point to the Soviets' willingness to improve relations with Israel, underlined by Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze's highly publicised United Nations meeting with Prime Minister Shamir. The Americans also welcomed Moscow's long delayed decision — to grant entry visas to Israeli consular officials to visit the Soviet Union during the second half of July. This will mark the first time since the 1967 war that Israeli diplomats will be officially received in Moscow.

The Americans are particularly pleased that Soviet leaders have recently spoken bluntly of the need to balance Palestinian rights with Israel's legitimate security needs. The Americans said the Soviets were continuing to press the PLO to unanimously accept U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for future negotiations — something the PLO does not want to do. PLO officials, for their part, deeply resent the Soviet effort to turn them around on this sensitive point.

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On all these critical points, U.S.

Economy

CBJ to announce new foreign exchange regulations soon

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times economics correspondent

AMMAN — The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) has revealed it will soon issue new instructions aimed at "organising" the domestic exchange market in the wake of uncertainties that precipitated a run of U.S. dollars and put pressure on the Jordanian dinar, CBJ Deputy Governor Maher Shukri said Sunday.

Addressing an open forum on the Kingdom's current economic situation, Dr. Shukri described CBJ regulations, released earlier this month, rising foreign exchange rates in the local market and floating interest rates on direct credits and on certain categories of deposits, as "transitory instructions" that will be followed by other instructions to be issued at the end of this month.

He said these instructions would "control dealing with foreign currencies, organise the operations of moneychangers and financial institutions and citizens, and define their rights and duties and the method of operation."

The deputy CBJ governor said the new instructions were designed to "control the market and preserve the country's reserves of foreign currencies."

He told the forum, organised by the Amman Alumni Club of the American University of Beirut, that these measures would boost remittances into the Kingdom from Jordanian expatriates and enhance the country's foreign exchange reserves.

Shukri said that the new regulations have also succeeded in reducing the margin between the official CBJ rate for foreign exchange and that of moneychangers who are not bound by the fixed rates. "Now, there is hardly

any problem."

Industry and Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa told the forum that a slowdown in the Kingdom's overall economic growth, a decline in Arab aid to Jordan and a decrease in remittances from Jordanian expatriates were elements that contrived to cause a shortage in the country's foreign exchange reserves and precipitated the crisis of confidence marked by two flurries in the domestic exchange market on May 2 and June 2, when a heavy demand for the dollar put pressure on the Jordanian dinar.

Tabbaa told nearly 200 businessmen that despite sound economic decisions followed by the government, these "were not enough to achieve a recovery."

"What is required is a greater effort, because the negative forces are much stronger. We need a radical treatment to solve the problems," he said.

The industry and trade minister, who is a former president of the Amman Chamber of Commerce, advocated belt tightening, a reduction in spending and imports and a reduction in the price of services to increase the volume of tourism.

He urged a careful review of protectionist laws in the country to determine the period of protection and the specific products

that may need such protection. "We are only in favour of protectionism that helps the productive sector and the country. This is what should direct our thinking," he noted.

The Amman Chamber of Commerce President Mohammad Asfour called for encouraging exports with the participation of the private sector, by solving problems related to cost and quality.

Asfour said there was a need to develop a clear mechanism that would monitor and boost remittances from Jordanian expatriates, improve internal and external marketing and focus on agricultural industries.

Commenting on the latest developments related to the financial crisis over the halted Jordanian exports to Iraq, Amman Chamber of Industry President Khalid Abu Hassan said he will join a government delegation to Iraq Friday to discuss the importation of Iraqi products that would cover the value of Jordanian exports.

The CBJ stopped financing Jordanian exports to Iraq in mid-April for exceeding the quota defined by a bilateral trade protocol, according to the government.

He noted that this was not the case during the forum.

The few hundred people who gathered at the Intercontinental Ballroom Sunday night, represent the educated elite of Jordan and were thus, in an excellent position to comprehend what was being said.

He, however, added: "Speaking for myself, as a person holding two university degrees in economics and a former teacher of economics at university level, I could not follow most of what was being said."

Abu Hassan, noting that the industrial sector generated JD 332 million last year, and an average of 18 per cent of the gross domestic product between 1981 and 1986, said that for the first time, industrial revenues surpassed those of the wholesale and retail sales together with revenues from restaurants and hotels in the Kingdom.

He said that the Chamber of Industry was considering the

Central bank succeeds in curbing dollar value

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordanian dinar has regained ground against hard currencies, mainly the U.S. dollar, just two weeks after the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) stepped in by fixing market exchange rates, according to a limited survey conducted by the Jordan Times.

"The CBJ's step has breathed life into a jittery market and reversed a run on the dollar that had hiked its exchange rate, against the dinar," said a veteran money dealer.

The dealer, who declined to be further identified, favoured the government move and said it was "an intervention long overdue to stabilise the market."

The CBJ's fixed rate over the past two weeks ranged from 355 to 365 fils for commercial banks and financial institutions, a price well below a record high rate of 390 fils a dollar that intermittently prevailed in May. The new rate is also near the region of 340 fils, the regular exchange rate in the free market.

The survey found out that the margin between the daily official fixed rate and the market price was reduced to a maximum of 10 to 15 fils, which reflects a growing-adherence to the regulated price, designed to muster the Kingdom's reserve of foreign currencies and create a healthy monetary market.

Foreign currencies' reserves at the CBJ dropped to JD 43 million in March 1988. It reached a JD 354 million record high in 1981, according to CBJ's Monthly Statistical Bulletin.

The bank also retains one million ounce of gold worth nearly \$500 million in market price and it is widely referred to as a practical guarantee to the dinar, which is, in effect, pegged to a basket of five major foreign currencies.

Commercial banks registered in the Kingdom are also known to have in their respective vaults more than \$1 billion in foreign currency deposits by resident and non-resident private sector, according to the bulletin.

Private sector sources noted that the CBJ was also in the process of applying further measures, some of them had been earlier imposed but never been put to force, according to private sector sources.

The CBJ has also decided to float the once fixed commission on commercial banks' credit facilities in a bid to provide incentives for investment and domestic savings.

Private and public sources attribute the continuing shortage in foreign currency reserves to several factors which affected Jordan on the heels of an economic boom in late 70's. One of

those factors is the failure of rich Arab countries to honour their respective financial commitments as agreed upon during the 1978 Baghdad Arab summit.

The summit pledged to pay Jordan, being one of the frontline countries with Israel, an annual sum of \$1.250 million over a span of ten years. Amman only received 50 per cent of the figure and His Majesty King Hussein sought a renewed commitment from the Arab countries during his keynote address to the extraordinary Arab summit in Algiers earlier in June.

Estimates expect remittances from Jordanian workers abroad to further dwindle due to continued economic recession in the host countries. Transfers of \$1.100 million in 1987 are expected to drop by 20 per cent by the end of 1988 as a large number of the nearly 350,000 expatriates return home.

Expatriates register JD 5m company

AMMAN (J.T.) — Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Tabbaa has approved the registration of an investment holding company which has a JD 5 million capital.

Ministry of Industry officials said that 161 constituent founders of the projected company have come up with JD 2 million so far and that arrangements were being made to raise more capital. The 161-group represent Jordanian expatriates working in the Gulf countries. The expatriates

originally decided on the formation of the company during last year's Jordanian expatriates conference in Amman.

The activities of the projected company, which is to be headquartered in Amman, will be discussed by this year's conference due to open here next month, according to the officials.

The projected company is designed to channel expatriate's funds to be invested in housing, tourist and industrial schemes in the Kingdom.

Debts of farmers rise

AMMAN (J.T.) — Loans due on farmers rose this year to JD 42 million, up from JD 38 million in 1987, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic newspaper.

The paper said that concerned authorities were contemplating measures for rescheduling the farmers' debts so that they can be paid over long terms through easy instalments.

The paper reported the engagement of 60,000 in farming in Jordan most of whom, it said, are indebted to a number of credit organisations in the country.

It also said that nearly 80,000 non-Jordanian workers are employed in farming, mostly in the Jordan Valley region.

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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for June 20, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	639992	JD 451970	433
Top three companies:			
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing, and Publishing	204450	JD 138845	109
Petra Bank	50000	JD 100000	1
Finance and Credit Corporation	98324	JD 58430	73
Parallel market:	2800	JD 890	—
Development bonds:	21609	JD 239271	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	10500	JD 976775	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling	1.7870/80	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2095/2105	Canadian dollar
	1.7532/42	Deutschmarks
	1.9720/30	Dutch guilders
	1.4565/75	Swiss francs
	36.67/72	Belgian francs
	5.9140/70	French francs
	1301/1302	Italian lire
	126.10/20	Japanese yen
	6.0820/70	Swedish crowns
	6.3540/90	Norwegian crowns
	6.6725/75	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	454.00/454.50	U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Surging base metal and gold bullion prices lifted the market to its highest level since the October market crash. By the close, the All Ordinaries index stood 17.3 points up at 1,617.7.

TOKYO — Shares prices closed down sharply, in heavy trade, for the first time in six sessions as brokers expressed fears of inflation and worldwide interest rate rises. The Nikkei index fell 203.43 points up at 2,719.06.

HONG KONG — Share prices closed fractionally higher as profit-taking pared earlier gains. The Hang Seng index closed 1.04 points up at 2,719.06.

SINGAPORE — Prices rose over a broad front in active trading before dropping back slightly on sporadic late profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index rose 4.07 to 1,072.27.

BOMBAY — Stocks closed mixed after limited bouts of speculative trading. Many investors were awaiting some key company results expected later in the week.

FRANKFURT — Prices closed lower despite a late recovery from a poor opening. Interest rate worries weighed on the market. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, fell 21.6 to 1,406.6.

ZURICH — Prices were little changed in quiet trading. Most banks were unchanged while industrials were fractionally lower. The All Share Swiss index lost 0.01 to 861.47.

PARIS — Prices ended little changed, with trading volume limited by a bourse employees strike and a bomb threat. The 30-share bourse indicator declined by 0.39 per cent.

LONDON — Trade was quiet with most operators unwilling to adjust positions substantially amid strong speculation of a further rise in the cost of borrowing. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 4.1 at 1,846.0.

Iraq's maritime company profits \$80 million

BAGHDAD (OPECNA) — The Iraqi State Establishment for Maritime Transportation made a profit of \$80 million in 1987.

Earlier this month, the establishment inaugurated a new maritime line linking the Jordanian Red Sea port of Aqaba with North and South America.

An official source said two new cargo ships, Al Sindbad (13,200 tons) and Zain Al Qasim (13,000 tons) had recently joined the Iraqi merchant fleet.

In another area, Iraq spent over \$7.5 billion on 218 projects in 1987, according to Planning

Minister Sami Majeed Faraj.

In a statement here at the weekend, the minister said these included 50 projects in agriculture, 33 in industry, 23 in transport and communications, 78 in construction and public services and 34 in education and scientific research.

Iraq has allocated \$11.50 billion for its 1988 investment plan under which 1,298 projects will be implemented, including 135 projects in agriculture, 207 in industry, 209 in transport and communications, 467 in construction and 203 in education.

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Wimbledon — the staging ground for McEnroe

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Wimbledon has been the site of some of John McEnroe's greatest triumphs and tragedies. Now, he hopes it will be the staging ground for his greatest comeback.

The three-time champion returns to Wimbledon for the first time since 1985 Tuesday, when he meets Horst Skoff of Austria in the first round.

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl, defending champion Pat Cash and two-time winners Boris Becker and Jimmy Connors are scheduled to play their opening-round matches Monday. But McEnroe, whose brilliant strokes and boisterous personality have always made him the centre of attention here, is stealing the spotlight.

London's Sunday newspapers were filled with stories about McEnroe, his attempt to regain the No. 1 ranking he held from 1981-85, his family life, his views on other players and the sport of tennis, his training regimen and his attempt to overcome his "superstar" image.

While McEnroe appears anxious to avoid controversy, the sensation-seeking tabloids are already stirring things up by rehashing an interview shown on "60 minutes" almost two months ago.

In the interview, McEnroe said he had "more natural ability in one finger than (Lendl) has in his whole hand" and that "tennis is boring with me, and it's ridiculous without me."

But these days, the 29-year-old father of two prefers to talk about his new maturity on and off the court.

"The stuff that excited me as a kid, defying and questioning authority, I don't get a kick out of anymore," he said. "It's like being an alcoholic. It developed into a really bad habit. I was doing it without really knowing why."

In Monday's featured matches, Lendl meets David Feigert of Britain, third-seeded Stefan Edberg plays Guy Forget of France, No. 4 Cash faces Todd Woodbridge of Australia, No. 5 Connors meets fellow American Leif Shiras, and No. 6 Becker plays John Frawley of Australia.

Women seeds

The only women's seeds scheduled to play on opening day are No. 7 Manuela Malieva, No. 12 Zina Garrison and No. 14 Katerina Malieva.

Cash opens defence of his title on center court against Woodbridge, ranked 25th in the world. Cash hasn't won a tournament this year, but his powerful serve-and-volley game makes him a serious threat to repeat as champion.

Lendl has been the top-ranked player in the world since September 1985, but has never won here. He was runner-up the past two years, losing to Becker and Cash in the finals.

"I'd trade two of my three U.S. Open titles for one Wimbledon crown," Lendl said.

Becker, who won the title in 1985 and 1986, was upset in the second round last year by unheralded Peter Doohan. The 20-year-old West German is determined to avoid a similar shock this year.

"This year I am coming to Wimbledon stronger mentally and physically," said Becker, who won last week's Wimbledon warm-up tournament at Queen's Club. "I have worked hard with my coach Bob Brett, who makes me sweat more than I ever have before."

GOREN BRIDGE

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THE NO-LOSS LOSER

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

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The bidding:

North East South West

1-0 Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♠

3 ♣ 3 ♦ 3 ♠ 4 ♠

Pass Pass 5 ♦ 5 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

Psychologically, there is a block about giving up a trick in a suit in which you have no losers. Technically, though, it can be the right play.

Consider this hand.

In a competitive auction North-South did well to reach five clubs. South's hand improved offensively once the suit was raised, and at the same time his defensive capabilities

diminished. His choice to bid on, therefore, meets with this department's approval.

West led his king of hearts and it was immediately apparent to declarer that the contract was in danger only if West held the ace of spades and East could gain the lead to play through the king. So declarer developed a plan of campaign that would allow him to set up the diamond suit while keeping East off lead.

I started at trick one, when he allowed West's king of hearts to hold the trick! In an effort to cut down on dummy's entries, West shifted to a trump, won by dummy's eight. The ace of hearts was cashed for a diamond discard, followed by the ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff. When both defenders followed, the contract was unbeaten.

After crossing to the table with the ten of trumps, declarer ruffed another diamond high to set up three long cards in the suit. He entered dummy with a trump to take three spade discards on the long diamonds. The defenders still got their ace of spades, but that was the second and last trick for the defense.

For the technically minded, South's technique is known in the trade as an "avoidance play."

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Haiti coup removes civilian government

PORTE-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Troops loyal to fired military chief Lieutenant General Henri Namphy sprung him from house arrest, captured the national palace in a gun and grenade battle and seized civilian President Leslie Manigat.

Sunday night's military coup ended four months of civilian government and put Namphy back in command of the nation he led for two years as head of a three-man junta.

It came less than a week after a power struggle began in the military.

Early Monday, a helmeted and fatigued-clad Namphy appeared in state-run television from the palace.

"The army will lead the country this way," he declared, waving an Uzi submachine gun and flanked by helmeted soldiers.

A Western diplomat said troops of the presidential guard loyal to Namphy had battled forces allied with Manigat, who was seized at his residence eight kilometres to the north. There was no word on casualties.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Gorbachev backs nuclear-free zones

MOSCOW (R) — Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev reiterated his support of the nuclear-free zone concept, saying bands of territory free of nuclear arms would reduce the threat of an atomic war. In a message to an international meeting on nuclear-free zones opening in East Berlin Monday, Gorbachev also repeated that Moscow was ready to scrap all its nuclear arms if other nuclear powers agreed to do likewise. "The Soviet Union is fully prepared to eliminate its status as a nuclear power — and as soon as possible — together with the other countries possessing nuclear weapons," he said. Pending total nuclear disarmament, he said, nuclear-free zones "can contribute to narrowing the sphere of nuclear preparations, disengaging the nuclear forces of the opposing alliances and thereby reducing the risk of nuclear conflict."

Greenpeace stages protests

ROME (R) — Greenpeace activists painted symbols of radioactivity on U.S. and Soviet warships in the Mediterranean Friday in a protest against nuclear arms at sea, the environmentalist group said. Italian Television Sunday showed Greenpeace film of the protest, which the group said took place in the Gulf of Hammamet off the Tunisian coast. The film showed sailors aboard a U.S. vessel identified as the Thomas C. Hart training high-powered water cannon on activists in three rubber dinghies as they painted the triangular black radioactivity sign on the hull. It also showed a Soviet motor launch trying to obstruct the activists, from the Greenpeace vessel Sirius, when they painted the same sign on the side of the Soviet warship Baku. A statement issued in Rome by Greenpeace said the Baku was one of a group of five Soviet ships, including the aircraft carrier Kiev. The statement said that the five ships and the U.S. vessel were carrying 100 nuclear warheads between them and said the protest was designed to draw public attention to the danger of nuclear arms on the high seas.

France-Soviet space flight set

MOSCOW (R) — A joint French-Soviet cosmonaut team will blast off to the Mir orbiting station in December. Moscow Radio said Friday, Soviet space officials earlier said the French-Soviet flight would take place in November. The radio gave no reason for the change. The mission will be the third Soviet-led international flight to Mir in 1988. A Soviet-Bulgarian crew returned Friday from eight days aboard the space station, and a Soviet-Afghan crew is due to be launched in August.

Bangladesh transport strike ends

DHAKA (R) — A violent strike by Bangladesh lorry and truck drivers ended Monday after the government agreed to shelve a plan to jail for life those responsible for fatal traffic accidents. Presidential adviser Kazi Zafar Ahmad and leaders of the Bangladesh Road Transport Employees Federation signed an agreement ending the strike Sunday night, the official BSS news agency said. Police said Monday nearly 100 people were injured and at least 70 vehicles damaged in clashes during the weekend strike in protest at the government plan. Witnesses said strike supporters attacked state-owned buses and private vehicles which had defied the strike call and fought sporadic battles with transport workers seeking negotiated settlement. Nearly 20 strikers arrested Sunday would be freed because of the agreement, police said.

Colombian guerrillas attack two towns

BOGOTA (AP) — Leftist guerrillas attacked in two Colombian towns Sunday, killing eight people including four policemen, state and local authorities said. Authorities in the state of Caldas reported that guerrillas launched an attack in the town of Supia, 200 kilometres northwest of the Colombian capital of Bogota. Guerrillas also attacked in the Indian town of Silvia, in the state of Cauca, 330 kilometres south of Bogota, local officials reported. Police said they believed the attack in Supia, a town of about 55,000, was carried out by members of the Popular Liberation Army (ELP), a Maoist organisation fighting President Virgilio Barco's government. Local officials said members of another rebel group, known as M-19, attacked in the town of Silvia.

Soccer hooligan — urban gladiator who brawls for kicks

By Deborah Telford
Reuters

LONDON — He's drunk, dangerous and says he's a soccer fan. But instead of waving flags and cheering, he throws beer cans, breaks heads and windows — and experts say he does it kicks.

The football hooligan brought fresh shame on Britain at the European championships last week. Sociologists are producing a flurry of theories about why he primes himself on drink, then uses fists, feet, a knife or a knuckleduster in a crusade for violence.

"The soccer hooligan enjoys violence. It's exciting and gives him status among his peers. That moment of glory on a Saturday night makes up for the dull life, lacking in any kind of opportunities, he leads all

week," said Eric Dunning, a sociologist from Leicester University.

"He doesn't care if his team is banned from Europe. The worse the fans' reputation, the better the kudos. He's defending his territory and his honour," Dunning added.

English thugs who brawled their way through West German streets as their national side slumped to defeat are returning home, leaving a record of soccer violence not seen in Europe since 39 people died at Brussels' Heysel stadium in 1985.

The Europeans call it "the English disease" but football violence has been embraced by hooligans in Western Europe and even as far away as China, where 135 people were hurt during fighting at a match last month.

More than 300 soccer hooligans were detained in Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Duesseldorf and Munich last week. Most were West German or English.

The origins of the word "hooligan," which means ruffian or one of a gang of toughs, is vague. The Oxford dictionary says it is believed to have originated from the name of a "ruffianly Irish family in south east London."

Urban working class

The typical English soccer hooligan is young, white, and male, an urban gladiator from the working class.

His capacity for beer drinking is his breast plate for war and his tee-shirt sports militaristic slogans like "these colours don't run," and "England's in

vaison of Germany 1988."

When abroad he boasts of thumping a lesson into the Krauts (Germans), the Ities (Italians) and the frogs (French).

At home, he joins loosely-organised bands of up to 1,000 who adopt warlike names and go out fighting in the name of the teams they support — "the Red Army" supports Manchester United, "the Zulu Warriors" Birmingham City, and the "the Service Crew" Leeds United.

Dunning said his research showed football violence began before World War I and added: "Some of today's incidents would pale into insignificance compared with what happened in England between the wars, but you didn't hear about it then."

David Hill, who is resear-

ching a book about English football strife, says English fans are descendants of social classes who fought and died in great numbers for their country during the two World Wars, fed on the propaganda "Britain is best."

"The thug thinks of himself as a super patriot and his fanaticism is contagious," said Hill.

English fans sang "God save the Queen" during clashes at Frankfurt Friday and West German fans regularly wear the banned swastika symbol of Nazi Germany.

Hill believes economic change in Britain during the 1980s accelerated fragmentation of the working classes, producing those who can aspire to more wealth and an underclass of low-paid or unemployed manual workers who see only a poor future. It is from

the latter group, he says, that the English hooligan is mainly drawn.

"He is the descendant of cannon fodder, born to use his brain not his brain, and he sees no prospect of change. So, quite logically, he embraces a way of life which asserts his status as virtues."

"The football hooligan glorifies in his reputation as philistine, he is a bastion of bigoted intransigence," Hill said.

Prime motivation — fun

Ian Stoddart, a film producer who made the British television documentary "The Hooligan" in 1985 during several months of mixing with football supporters involved in violence, says fun is the prime motivation.



Afghan Mujahideen fighters take time off to clean their weapons

Mujahideen take moderate stand

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — Pakistan-based Afghan rebels have set up a government-in-exile and promised not to harass withdrawing Soviet troops who have dropped up the Kremlin-backed administration.

The main Afghan Mujahideen alliance named a "transitional government" with the ultimate aim of replacing President Najibullah's government.

Moscow has complained about rebel attacks on the departing Soviet troops. It accuses Pakistan, which backs the insurgents, of violating U.N.-mediated Afghan accords providing for the pullout.

"Now that the Soviet troops are withdrawing from Afghanistan, due to the valour of our heroic Muslim people and the Mujahideen leadership, we should refrain from acts which may delay the process of Soviet withdrawal," alliance leader Syed Ahmad Gailani said Sunday.

Shah said the alliance would soon decide where in Afghanistan to base the interim government, which would take over after Najibullah's government falls.

The Western-backed alliance said it planned to seek recognition of its government.

Moscow and Kabul accuse

Pakistan of violating the Geneva

accords by allowing Afghan rebel activity on its soil and transferring arms into Afghanistan.

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3 killed in Delhi bomb

NEW DELHI (R) — Sikh militants fighting for an independent homeland in north India extended the campaign to the capital Monday, killing three people and wounding 30 in a bomb attack on a crowded market.

Panic spread through the west Delhi suburb of Tilak Nagar after men identified by police as separatists drove up to the vegetable market in a convoy of three vans and tossed a bomb in among the shoppers.

Hours later vegetables were still strewn around the blood-spattered market place cordoned off by police.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) said at least four people were killed but police could confirm only three deaths.

Police said many of the injured suffered shrapnel wounds and at least five were in critical condition.

Eyewitness Gopi Ram told reporters: "I saw an object flying out of the van and the next thing was the sound of the explosion and then people screaming."

The Delhi attack came the day after Sikh extremists killed 15 people in a van attack in the town of Kurukshetra in neighbouring Haryana State.

The bomb exploded amid a crowd watching India's most popular television show.

Extremists also shot dead a rightwing Hindu leader in the north Indian state Punjab and two of his companions in the single day of violence in June so far.

Shops in major Haryana and Punjab towns were closed Monday in protest against Sunday's killings. PTI said police reinforcements had been sent to Punjab to control tension.

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Funeral wake turns disaster

MOSCOW (R) — A Ukrainian funeral wake turned to drunken revelry and then disaster when mourners imbibed the same poisonous drink as the man they had just buried, the official TASS news agency reported Monday.

Eight people died and 80 were in hospital after drinking the black-market industrial spirit at the wake in the village of Zaboloye, near the Polish border, TASS said. The affair began when the local schoolmaster and a farm mechanic celebrated the delivery of furniture with a drinking spree.

The mechanic died the next day and the schoolmaster fell ill but, fearing for his reputation, kept silent. He died a few days later and was buried without an autopsy.

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Parisian wins waiters' race

PARIS (AP) — Frenchman Marc Fabre won the annual waiters' race Sunday, crossing the finish line with a bottle and three glasses still upright on his tray after an 8.1-kilometre hike around town. A Japanese waiter, Saki Osamu, placed second. The race, which attracted about 500 participants, started and ended at city hall. They passed several Paris landmarks, including the opera, Saint-Germain-des-Pres and Notre Dame.

Meat promoters red in the face

NEW YORK (R) — Some American marketers of red meat are blushing with embarrassment over the discovery that one of their promotional posters resembles a Hitler youth sign from World War II, Newsweek reported Sunday. The weekly news magazine said a college student had noticed that the poster of a tall, blond cowboy holding an American flag, meant to equate beef with patriotism, was similar to a Nazi placard illustrated in a history textbook. The sign, distributed to hundreds of American supermarkets by an Oklahoma City-based wholesale food company, simply substituted western cowboy garb for the Hitler youth uniform and swastika, Newsweek said.

Contra leaders lobbied in Washington last week for renewed U.S. military aid. That aid ended in February and the U.S. Congress rejected a renewal.

The March 23 agreement permits only humanitarian aid to the rebels.

Superman turns 50

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — Wonder Woman, Luke Skywalker and Sherlock Holmes and even Rocky and Bullwinkle are taking a break from their adventures this weekend to help celebrate Superman's 50th birthday. A four-day international Superman exposition opened Thursday and was expected to attract up to 30,000 visitors. Although fans know the man of steel was born on the planet Krypton, Superman has strong ties to this city — he was created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster of Cleveland. Superhero devotees have come to browse through comic books, watch science fiction movies, and shop for memorabilia ranging from dinosaur dolls to rare Superman prints, said Tim Gorman of Neverending Battle Incorporated, which is sponsoring the event. Gorman said the non-profit organisation was founded in 1986 to honour Siegel and Shuster. The two men, graduates of Glenville High School, created the material for the first Superman comic book in June 1938.

Reagan vehicle runs into snag

TORONTO (AP) — A car in U.S. President Ronald Reagan's motorcade Sunday accidentally caught the rope of a tent erected for his limousine during the world economic summit conference and pulled down the tent. The accident occurred as the president left the Royal York hotel for the formal welcoming ceremony hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. A white canopy tent that had been erected in front of the hotel for the president's limousine, has been snagged on a bumper of one of the motorcade vehicles as the limousine pulled out. The tent collapsed and was dragged into the street, but no one was injured. The tent was quickly cleared away and the motorcade proceeded.

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